

DELEGATE DELLA: Suppose the General Assembly does not call itself back to reconsider a bill? Are vetoed bills ever considered then?

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate Morgan.

DELEGATE MORGAN: No.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate Della.

DELEGATE DELLA: Even when there is a general session coming on the following year?

DELEGATE MORGAN: That is correct. We did this on recommendation of the legislative liaison committee.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate Della.

DELEGATE DELLA: In other words, you must have a special session of the General Assembly to consider vetoed messages?

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate Morgan.

DELEGATE MORGAN: Certainly bills that are vetoed after the adjournment sine die of the regular session, that is correct.

DELEGATE DELLA: That is what I mean.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate Hickman.

DELEGATE HICKMAN: Under section 4.21, the Department of Motor Vehicles will be one of the principal departments. The head is under the merit system. Would he continue?

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Chairman Morgan.

DELEGATE MORGAN: If the commissioner of motor vehicles were the head of a principal department, according to the proposed executive article which we are recommending, he could not be under the merit system.

But if the Department of Motor Vehicles were allocated within a principal department, he would continue as a merit employee.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate Hickman.

DELEGATE HICKMAN: Delegate Morgan, what you are saying is that those departments whose heads are under the merit system if they are principal departments, would no longer remain under the merit system?

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate Morgan.

DELEGATE MORGAN: If they are designated as principal departments, that is correct. You have the same problem with the Welfare Department; the head of the Welfare Department is a merit system employee. I should think that in those cases care would be taken to make sure that those agencies were allocated within a principal department. For example, you might have a department of health, welfare and education, and you would not have to disturb any of the existing officials.

The merit system employees could stay merit system employees and the head of that department, I assume, would be more or less a coordinator.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): The Chair recognizes Delegate Dorsey.

DELEGATE DORSEY: Chairman Morgan, what is the population of Montgomery County? Is it not in excess of 400,000?

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate Morgan.

DELEGATE MORGAN: There are about 460,000 at the present time.

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): Delegate Dorsey.

DELEGATE DORSEY: Do you know any method under the federal Constitution where it would be possible for Montgomery County to organize as the 51st state and adopt the Eney draft as a model constitution and let the rest of Maryland live in peace under the old constitution? (*Laughter.*)

DELEGATE J. CLARK (presiding): The gentleman is out of order. The Chairman does not have to answer that.

Are there any further questions?

Delegate Grant.

DELEGATE GRANT: Getting back to this much belabored 4.03, you indicate, prime duties as prescribed by law, or such duties as may be delegated by the governor.

Is it your intention in saying "prescribed by law" to mean duties that the governor could not delegate to him, such as duties in the legislative branch or do you mean duties that the governor might not delegate to him, which would then be bestowed on the lieutenant governor by law passed over the governor's veto?